

**To:** Bonifacino, Gina[Bonifacino.Gina@epa.gov]  
**From:** Tom Davis  
**Sent:** Wed 3/23/2016 5:40:07 PM  
**Subject:** WA Farm Bureau question on a NWIFC EPA cooperative agreement

Hi Gina,

I'm not sure if this is an issue that falls within your work responsibilities. If this not an issue you deal with, please let me know who I should direct my questions to.

This issue is represented in the picture below that was sent to me by a family farmer in Whatcom County. A billboard with the same message has also appeared this month in Olympia. When we looked into the group behind the ad, we found on the What's Upstream website (the funder of this ad campaign) that this attack on the state's family farms is being funded with an EPA cooperative agreement (#PA-00J32201).

The purpose of the cooperative agreement funding is stated as:

"The NWIFC will develop and carry out a program to subaward and manage funding; specifically for Tribal implementation projects to protect and restore Puget Sound, consistent with the Puget Sound Action Agenda. Implementation includes: receiving applications in response to the request for proposals, review of submitted projects to verify that they meet funding intent, and awarding thereafter. NWIFC will then ensure project accountability through appropriate invoicing, financial audits, progress reporting and by conducting site visits."

I would like to know if the EPA is aware of this use of the cooperative agreement funding and if it approves of the ad campaign.

Sincerely,

**Tom Davis**

**Director of Government Relations**



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